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1. Legislative Counsel debriefed Sen. Watkins (R., Utah) on his recent trip to Europe and the Middle East. (See Memorandum for the Record this date).

2. In connection with Item 2 of the Journal for 7 December, Mr. Kirkpatrick agrees that we should assemble the data on the Czech diplomats requested by Mr. Arens, and see how it shapes up before making a final determination as to whether to release it to the Internal Security Subcommittee.

3. Mr. Scott, of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called to state that after further consideration of our conversation regarding reimbursable items, it was his opinion that the matter should be held in abeyance until a concrete example might arise, as it otherwise might appear that Sen. Bridges was being put on the spot by a blanket statement rather than meeting individual situations. It was not thought that any real difficulties will arise from this decision.

25X1A 4. With the concurrence of the General Counsel, I have informed [] of DD/P that we do not believe that it was the intent of the so-called Kersten Amendment to authorize a subsidy for []

25X1A [] On the other hand, the language of the amendment is so broad that it cannot be said specifically to exclude such a possibility.

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[] will include this comment in the paper he is coordinating for DD/P on this subject.

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